

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 OLIVIA RUZ, et al.,

12 Plaintiff, No. C 07-80229 CRB (MEJ)

13 vs.

NOTICE OF REFERENCE

14 THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN,

15 Defendant.

16 TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

17 The above-captioned case was referred to Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James for purposes
18 of discovery. Please be advised that if a specific motion was filed before the district court prior to
19 this referral, the noticed date will no longer be in effect. Rather, the parties shall comply with Judge
20 James' Standing Order Regarding Discovery and Dispute Procedures, a copy of which is enclosed
21 herewith.

22 Counsel are advised that in regard to any pending discovery disputes, they must comply with
23 Judge James' standing order and meet and confer in person. If the parties are unable to resolve their
24 dispute after the meet and confer session, they shall file a joint meet and confer letter. A separate
25 letter should be filed for each dispute. Upon careful review of the parties' letter, the Court will
26 either order further briefing, oral argument, or deem the matter submitted on the papers.

1 Accordingly, any pending discovery motions are hereby DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to the
2 filing of a joint letter. A separate letter should be filed for each category of discovery and/or issue in
3 dispute.

4 Please contact the Courtroom Deputy Clerk, Brenda Tolbert, at (415) 522-4708 with any
5 questions.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Dated: December 6, 2007

9 MARIA-ELENA JAMES
10 United States Magistrate Judge